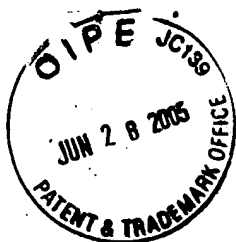


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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated March 28, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.